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Long Beach meets its need

The 42nd annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach came and went faster than some of the cars that took to the streets of downtown this weekend. Look inside and read through pages 10-12 about the winners, losers and events that catered to Southern California's race fans.

Long Beach women battle engineering gender gap

Future Girls @ The Beach program helps to empower women in the male-dominated technology field.

BY SETH PERLSTEIN
Contributing Writer

Women have lived in space; astronaut Sally Ride was the first American woman in space when she conducted experiments and deployed satellites from the space shuttle Challenger in 1983. And women have died in space; astronaut Judith Resnik and space-flight participant Christa McAuliffe were part of the Challenger's fatal crash in 1986, three years after Ride's ground-breaking flight.

On Earth, women have broken new ground throughout science and engineering's history. Ada Lovelace wrote the first algorithm in the 1840s. Grace Hopper invented the programming language COBOL in 1959, and geneticist Barbara McClintock won a Nobel Prize for discovering the jumping gene in 1983.

Yet women represent only 13 percent of engineers and 25 percent of computer and mathematical scientists in the United States, according to the National Girls Collaborative Project.

America's tech-industry gender gap stems from Silicon Valley's "brogrammer" culture in which women do not fit well because of the strong stereotype of the geeky male nerd, according to Birgit Penzenstadler, an engineering professor at Cal State Long Beach.

"We can see a significant difference studying computer science depending on the country," Penzenstadler said. "In many Western developed countries the percentage [of women in computer science] is significantly lower. Part of that is in our upbringing. Our role models are not tech-savvy women."

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The professional

Penzenstadler didn't see it coming – not from a kilometer away. She was interested in communication design, which was an arts major at Passau University in her native Germany. But she didn't get into the program.

Penzenstadler wanted to enroll in the fall so she wouldn't have to wait a full year for another shot at the major, so she chose media design instead – but there was a problem. Media design wasn't a major. It was a minor – for computer science.

At that point in her life, Penzenstadler didn't like computers. She grew up in Moosinning, a small town of around 3,000 people located 20 miles northeast of Munich, Germany. The town's rural setting planted the seeds of her passion for mountains and nature.

"When I grew up there were more cows than people," Penzenstadler said. "It was a tiny village, so I was very sheltered."

Penzenstadler took her first computer science class in sixth grade, where she studied basic geometric forms and simple calculations.

"I was typing in the instructions, and I did not find it very interesting," she said. "A year later I had to do an outline for a talk. I did it on a computer and thought 'I don't know, it's just not my thing.'"

When she got to college, she was faced with choosing between waiting a year for another chance at communication design and enrolling immediately in computer science and media design.

Penzenstadler chose the latter. She got good grades, stuck with the major and made it her life.

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CSULB president responds to concerns

President Conoley says these new installments seek to address issues of racism and fear of violence on campus.

BY MICHELLE VAZQUEZ
Contributing Writer

Expel the "white-passing" male student who displayed the knife, fire CSULB Dean of Students Jeffrey Klaus and establish a Student Oversight Committee for Risk Assessment.

These demands have been made loud and clear over the past several weeks by a discontent independent student coalition known as We Are CSULB.

As the students' voices get louder the administration is opening up more meetings to discuss certain concerns made by the members.

Cal State Long Beach President Jane Close Conoley is introducing a new policy of "inclusive excellence". This set of existing and new "installments" is meant to address worries from both the new student coalition and faculty who may worry about weapons in class after the February incident.

"We will offer faculty and staff information about classroom safety in the fall," Conoley said. "Sometimes faculty are a little unsure if there's a disruptive student [and wonder], 'What do we do?'"

Carlos Guijarro, a member of the Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies Student Association and representative of the coalition, said the Feb. 25 knife incident prompted a conversation to address these issues of racial bias and campus safety.

"[We] can find out what steps the university can take to move forward with that," Guijarro said.

In addressing that concern, Conoley said the model of inclusion is offering optional cultural sensitivity training in the fall, among other things.

"We're asking each of the ethnic studies departments to contribute to that — both the faculty and students," Conoley said.

She also plans on working out details with the coalition about having murals

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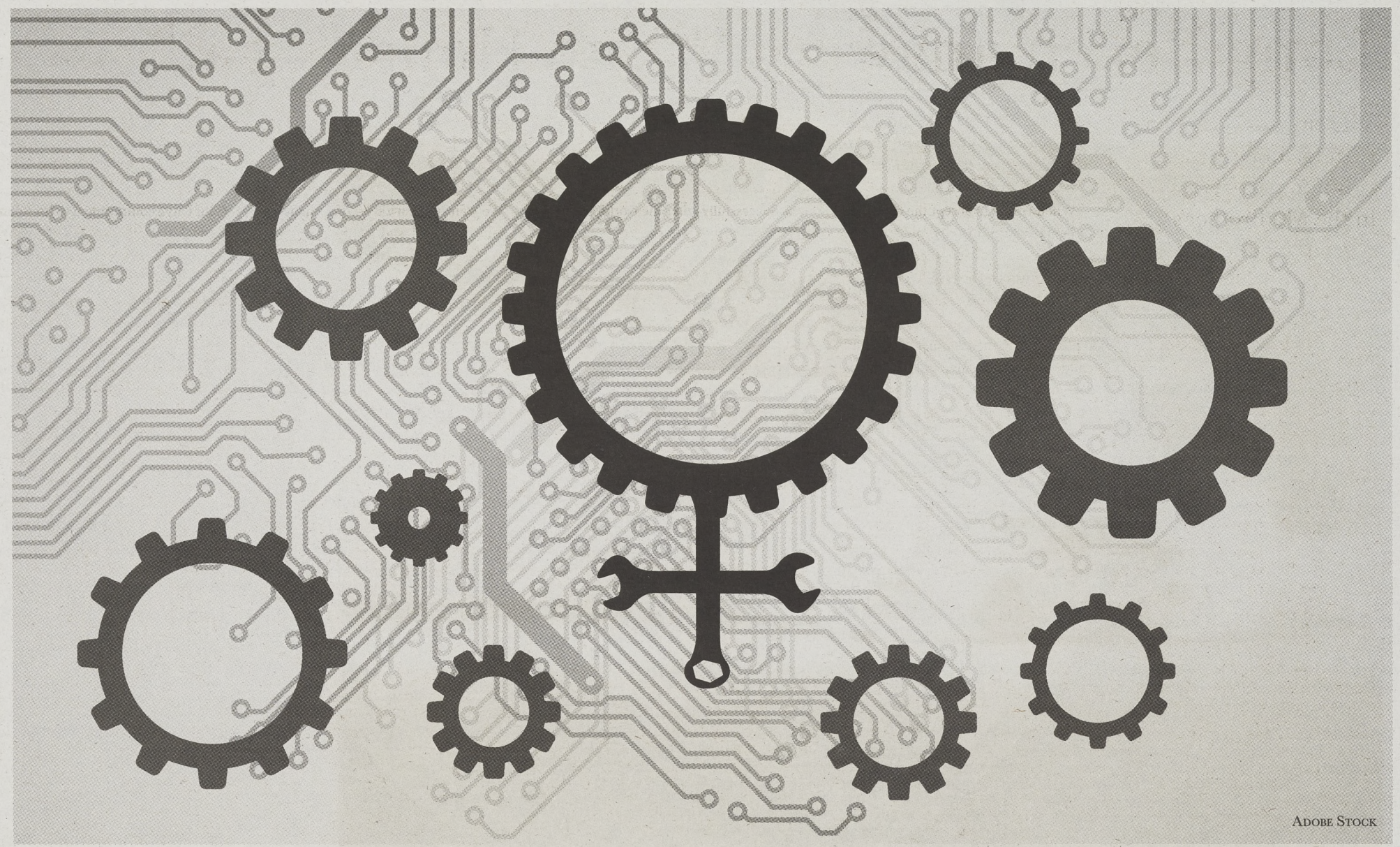

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"About halfway through the degree, I figured out I was way more interested in research than product development for a company," Penzenstadler said. "So I went for a Ph.D."

Penzenstadler completed a combination bachelor's and master's degree from Passau before she earned a doctorate degree from the Technical University of Munich.

The ratio of women to men was the same at the German universities she attended as it is at American universities. But she didn't feel discriminated against despite the wide gender gap.

"I felt supported by my colleagues," she said. "I knew I was a minority. We had the same 15 percent. I was comfortable with that. It was not a problem."

However, Penzenstadler has experienced gender bias in the professional world.

"It's usually just snarky little comments," she said. "When people say them, they usually don't think about it. But we are perpetuating clichés by making snarky comments about some people being naturally better at some subjects than others. That's not a good thing."

Today, Penzenstadler researches sustainability through computer science and gives talks and presentations all over the world. But she's never seen herself as a computer-first person.

"For me, making the planet a little more sustainable by using software systems; that's what kept me in computer science," she said. "That's what I do in my research now and what I try to pass on to my students."

The college student

The science and engineering gender gap hit her for the first time like a ton of bricks – Legos, actually. Amber Scardina, a senior electrical engineering major at CSULB, was at a Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement conference when she experienced first-hand gender discrimination in her field for the first time.

Teams of 10 engineering majors — who were all strangers to each other and from different universities — competed in a Lego-building contest. Each group had to build an exact replica of a small man that was made from Legos. But the catch was that only one person per team could look at the source at a time, and written notes were not allowed.

This was Scardina's first experience working hands-on with engineers from other engineering disciplines such as mechanical, civil and aerospace. Her group, which had seven men and three women, struggled to replicate the Lego man.

The group considered two ideas, one from a male group-member and another from a female group-member. The group went with the male group-member's idea, which turned out to be wrong.

"Nobody could back the girl up," Scardina said. "I felt bad because I am a female, and I sided with the men."

Scardina grew up the younger of two sisters in Ventura County. Strong women such as accountants, doctors and lawyers filled her family, she said. But it was her grandfather, who flew a B-24 Liberator bomber in World War II and worked in mechanical aerospace engineering with Garrett AiResearch and Lockheed Martin, who encouraged her to follow in his footsteps.

"He used to call me a brainiac," Scardina said. "He said I could be an engineer. I never really questioned it at that point. Now that I'm four years in the major, I can't imagine doing anything else."

Scardina also teaches for CSULB's Supplemental Instruction program, which helps students with lower-division gateway courses such as biology and chemistry, and she mentors a high school student in the Future Girls @ The Beach program, which is part of MESA.

At the MESA conference, her Lego-man group eventually went with the female group-mate's idea after the male's idea failed. The female group-mate was correct, and the group finished the challenge – a feat that not all groups accomplished.

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>
> *-Birgit Penzenstadler, CSULB engineering professor*

"It was the highlight of the conference," Scardina said.

But people's perception of her, not conference-based engineering projects, have been the biggest challenge for her in college, she said.

"I always see it because I deal with stereotypes every day," she said. "The men don't want to work with me or they question my opinion, even when I'm right. They belittle me even when they don't see it."

Classmates didn't want to work with her and would eschew her point of view early in her college career, but she has established herself and has earned their respect, she said.

"I've finally got to this point where people value my opinion," Scardina said. "I had to work hard for it. It didn't come easy; people would question me in the beginning."

Now Scardina wants to work — or at least put her work — in space.

"It's on my bucket list to spend six months on the International Space Station," she said. "I love the idea of working on satellites. I'm one of those people who looks up at the stars and is so intrigued by it. I'd love to build systems that go to Mars or put people on Mars."

The high school student

She sat in her desk at school and waited for her turn to tell the class what major she would choose in college. When she told her classmates her choice — computer science — nobody took her seriously.

"People looked at me and said, 'You want to be a computer engineer?'" said Chloe Weatherspoon, a senior at Long Beach Polytechnic High School. "[But] it made me push more and made me want to become a computer engineer."

Weatherspoon's passion for engineering began with her favorite childhood toy – Legos. She didn't realize it at the time, but the small plastic bricks would be the catalyst for her interest in engineering.

"I would pay attention to each block and put them in each place," she said. "But as my interest grew, I figured out that I had a special skill for engineering and trying to develop situations out of problems."

Weatherspoon grew up in Long Beach as the family gadget expert. She would fix broken technology around the house when she wasn't playing games on her Nintendo DS, which was her favorite piece of tech.

"I was addicted to that," she said.

Weatherspoon started her high school career at Millikan High School, which is around two miles north of CSULB. She transferred to Poly before the start of her sophomore year, which is when she got involved with Future Engineers @ The Beach.

"Ever since I've been involved with that program, it's been so eye opening to see other girls share the same interests as I do," she said. "But as I got to be involved with the program, I got to see just what girls can do to make a difference in this world."

Weatherspoon said the program stressed teamwork, togetherness and toughness, which was a different kind of message than what she'd heard for most of her life.

"I just feel that growing up, television and the media, they never focus on things women can do," she said. "Women are more than beauty, looks. We have brains. We're smart. We can do as much as men can."

The solution

Making the planet more sustainable by using software systems has kept Penzenstadler in computer science. That connection between computer science and engineering and problem solving is the key to getting more women in the field, she said.

"We've found out in a number of studies that it's way easier to engage men or boys by the technological challenge," Penzenstadler said. "But in girls, the way they get most excited is about how it helps others or makes the world a better place."

The gender gap can — and should be — narrowed, according to Berkhard Englert, chair of the Department of Computer Engineering and Computer Science at CSULB.

"Because of the way the system is set up, we are excluding almost half of the talent pool as a nation," Englert said. "We need to include all of this talent pool because we don't have enough people to solve all of these problems."

Long Beach answers White House's call

The city has created a path for Long Beach youth to participate in the My Brother's Keeper Challenge.

BY TARYN SAUER
Staff Writer

The City of Long Beach released the action plan for President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Challenge last week, with initiatives to create a community that better serves young men and boys of color.

In accordance with Safe Long Beach, a violence prevention plan, the city was granted $1.5 million toward My Brother's Keeper, an initiative that cultivates youth into career and college-ready citizens, engaged and contributing members of society and stresses the necessity of safety and second chances for all.

When voting to accept the challenge in January 2015, the city said it recognized the need to pay special attention to young men and boys of color because they are "disproportionately exposed to violence in their communities, overrepresented in the criminal justice and child welfare systems, and underrepresented in the employment and education sector," according to the press release.

The path to uplift and cultivate youth is outlined with six milestones:

1. Enter school prepared to learn through early development programs
2. Read at grade level by third grade
3. Graduate from high school primed to pursue college or transition into a career
4. Complete post-secondary education or training
5. Successfully enter the workforce
6. Be safe from violence and provided second chances

Tracy Colunga, neighborhood relations officer for the City of Long Beach, said she is excited for the newly implemented Court Diversion Program, part of the sixth milestone.

The program is designed to reach out to young men, ages 16 to 24, who, when confronted with a misdemeanor charge, can instead choose to take part in reform and diversion programs, such as Promising Adults, Tomorrow's Hope.

The Court Diversion Program is aligned with Prop 47 and Prop 36, which rethink the ways in which the criminal justice system succeeds in rehabilitating those charged with minor convictions by reducing nonviolent, non-serious crimes to misdemeanors.

"We want to provide second chances to [our youth] and let them know they're being supported all along," Colunga said.

But the path before the sixth milestone is studded with many programs that attempt to reconstruct boys' lives from an early age, beginning with education.

The second milestone assesses boys' reading level by third grade. If they are not at or above the standard, they enter a program where mentors read to them and encourage reading at home.

According to research presented in the action plan, children who are not at reading level by third grade are four times less likely to graduate from high school by the age of 19. Reading twice a week, one-on-one with an adult "has a significant positive impact on a child's reading efficiency," according to the report.

"Our City's commitment to President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative brings together every corner of our city to support our young people and keep them safe, healthy and on track for success," Long Beach City Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement.

The task force includes the Long Beach city government, the Long Beach Unified School District, Cal State Long Beach and many community organizations and public mentors. The MBK task force said it is currently seeking volunteers to mentor for several of the programs, as mentors are essential to the initiative's success. Those interested can fill out a commitment card linked to the MBK website.

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around campus to represent the multiple cultures and backgrounds of the campus community.

"We have so many wonderful cultures to celebrate," Conoley said. "We have to think about who's going to do it, how we're going to fund it, what's first, what's second."

Teri Yamada, chair of the CSULB Asian and Asian American Studies department, said Conoley was very open to constructive criticism when it came to talking about details of her specific department.

"That's very positive and it's never happened before," Yamada said. "It's pretty remarkable that she's so open and forthcoming about it."

Despite changes coming to CSULB in hopes of addressing issues made by members of the coalition and campus community, the administration is looking critically at the current weapons policy.

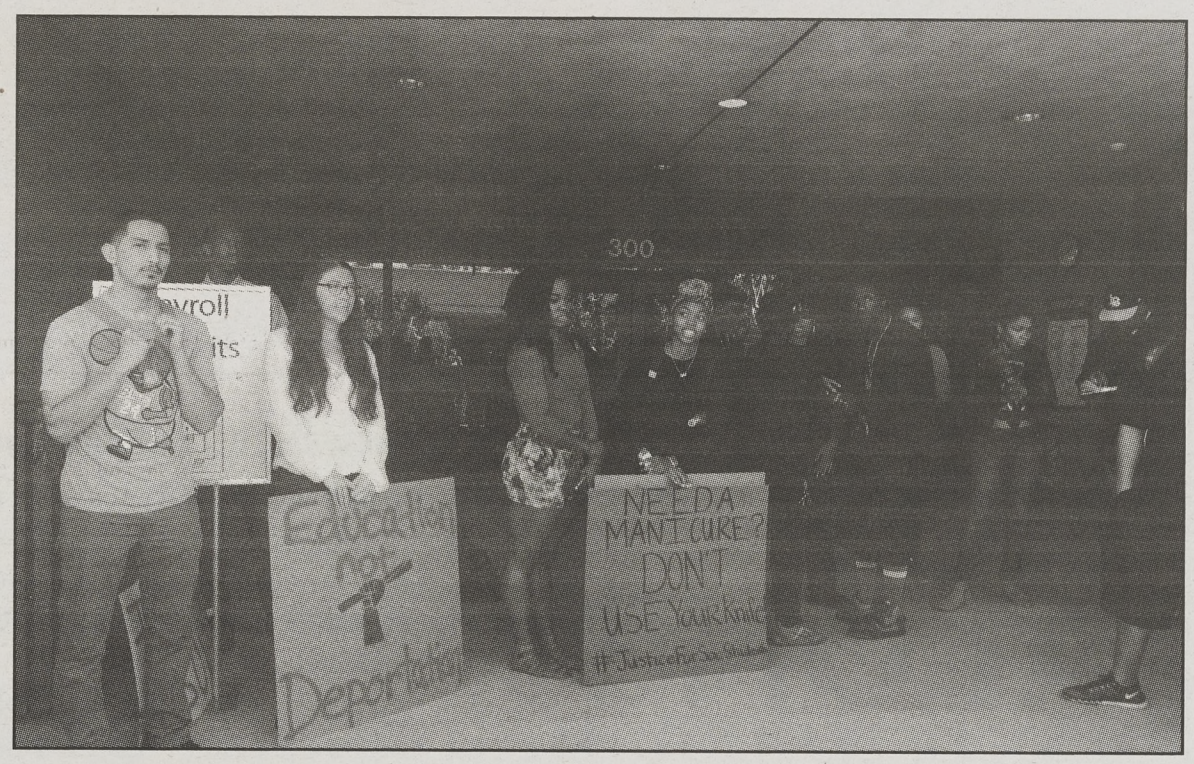
Conoley said the present weapons policy should be revised to fit with the policy that the city prosecutor suggested. This policy would allow no weapons, according to Conoley.

"We have to go through that and change our manual," Conoley said. "I got feedback from the city attorney that our weapons policy, specific to knives, wasn't appropriate; he was citing the education code and we were using the penal code."

The California penal code states that carrying a knife with a blade of 2.5 inches or less on campus is legal.

She said that although not all demands can be met, she gives kudos to the students who make sure their voices are heard.

"I think it'll be positive, you know," she said. "I'm willing to work [with] the students and faculty and staff because they have issues as well."



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Members of We Are CSULB protest in front of President Jane Coloney's office to express their discontent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement involvement on campus last Tuesday.

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Condoms on demand

Statistics shows that student demand for free condoms is far outpacing the supply.

By Abdiel Bustillo
Staff Writer

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Condom dispenser in the third floor women's bathroom in the University Student Union.

With Cal State Long Beach's student population at about 40,000, it should come as no surprise that the 2,800 condoms that are being dispensed weekly are not enough to provide for the entire student body.

Statistics show that of those who are using the dispensers, 93 percent are left without the opportunity of obtaining condoms.

Condoms are proving to be a high demand at CSULB.

The Salud a la Vida/Cheers to Life! project first kicked off back in February as part of a two-year plan with an end goal of informing students of STDs, such as Hepatitis C and HIV, while promoting the practice of safe and protected sex by making condoms more accessible.

Dispensers were placed in five restrooms: the male and female restrooms on the second and third floors of the the University Student Union, the gender-neutral bathroom on the USU first floor and in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center's locker rooms.

As of now, there are seven dispensers, all of which are filled with 100 condoms.

According to William Lucas, a graduate research student at CSULB, it was impossible to keep the condoms filled. Even when filled with 200 condoms, they would empty in a matter of hours.

Currently, Lucas fills the dispensers two times a day twice a week. The Center for Latino Community Health have explored regarding the possibility of filling the dispenser an additional day but such a program has yet to be set in motion.

"After filling the dispensers, it is clear that students were enthusiastic about having condoms available on campus in such discrete locations," Lucas said. "Our organization is dedicated to promoting safe sex practices non-judgmentally."

According to the center's initial proposal to establish the dispenser in the facilities, the Center has accepted all responsibility of maintaining the condom dispensers, even after the Salud a la Vida/Cheers to Life! Project concludes.

Center officials said they would like to remind CSULB's student body that the dispensing of condoms, though helpful, is not the only way to promote safe sex practices.

"We are dedicated in the second phase of our program, in which we offer workshops that focus on safe sex, drug use, and partner communication skills, all of which are offered through fun and interactive games, role playing, and film watching among peers," Lucas said.

Though the center's workshop curriculum is geared toward Latinos, all people are able and encouraged to attend.

"Students gain a lot from the workshops and we are trying to spread the word about it across the campus," Lucas said.

According to Center officials, the workshops offered will provide young adults with knowledge and skills for healthy lifestyles, risk reduction strategies, substance use and information on getting tested for HIV and HCV.

For further information, inquiries on events, and information on getting tested, visit the Center for Latino Community Health website.

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- Piloting new Ally Training program to increase faculty/staff awareness of survivor resources and how to refer students
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- Off-campus partners: YWCA-GLA, Interval House, Su Casa~Ending Domestic Violence, WomenShelter of Long Beach, Long Beach Police Department, Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc.
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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

49ers crash Waves in quarterfinals

LBSU freshman secure the 49ers a spot in the MPSF Tournament semifinal.

BY KAYCE CONTATORE
Contributing Writer

The No. 3 Long Beach State men's volleyball team trounced No. 6 Pepperdine in a straight sweep to advance to the semi-finals of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament Saturday night at the Walter Pyramid.

The win for the 49ers (24-6) marks the 11th time in program history that the team has made it to the semi-final round and the first since 2013.

Junior libero Andrew Sato moved himself up a spot in the 49er record books with seven in the quarterfinal victory. He now sits at No. 7 with 707 digs.

LBSU head coach Alan Knipe said that his freshman did great things on the court Saturday and that they have grown tremendously throughout the season to get to this point in the year.

"I'm not sure they're freshmen anymore," Knipe said. "When they've played a whole season, I think they got over the freshman thing a long time ago and they realized they're just playing volleyball."

Freshman outside hitter T.J. DeFalco said that this week his team has been focusing more on communication with one another and that the win was all about shifting that momentum from practice into the game.

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Freshman setter Josh Tuaniga celebrates with senior opposite John La Rusch (6) in LBSU's 3-0 win over Pepperdine in their quarterfinal matchup on Saturday inside the Walter Pyramid.

"The last week of practice we've been working on being external and talking and having a lot of energy," DeFalco said.

Pepperdine jumped out to the early lead in the first set, but the 49ers fought back, capitalizing on the Waves' errors to gain the lead at 21-20. A kill from junior middle blocker Amir Lugo-Rodriguez put the 49ers at set point before DeFalco and Lugo-Rodriguez ended the set 25-22 with a double block.

DeFalco ended the night tied for a team lead of 13 kills with fellow classmate and opposite hitter Kyle Ensing. DeFalco chipped in five blocks and five digs for the night.

The 49ers wasted no time jumping out to lead at the start of set two, going on a 6-0 run against the Waves. Pepperdine fought back late in the set, posting consecutive blocks and closing the lead to 19-17. With kills from both senior outside hitter Dan Glamack and DeFalco, the 49ers earned set point and closed out the game 25-22 with a solo block from DeFalco.

Pepperdine came back in the third set to keep the match close, with each team trading points back-and-forth and tying the score nine times. The 49ers gained the lead at 17-16 for the rest of the set on an Ensing kill and a kill from Glamack put away the set 25-22.

Pepperdine head coach Marv Dunphy said that "unfortunately" his team couldn't keep up with the 49ers to close out the match. He stated that once in awhile it is necessary to give recognition to the other team for staying better longer, and he said he believes the freshmen on the 49ers have helped the team immensely.

"When it's over, it's over," Dunphy said. "You give it your best and we weren't good enough over time. I give those young guys for Long Beach all the credit in the world."

The 49ers advanced to the semifinals and will take on the second-seeded UCLA Bruins on Thursday in Provo, Utah at 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

BASEBALL

Dirtbags can't handle 'Eaters in series finale

LBSU wins series, but drops finale against UC Irvine at Blair Field.

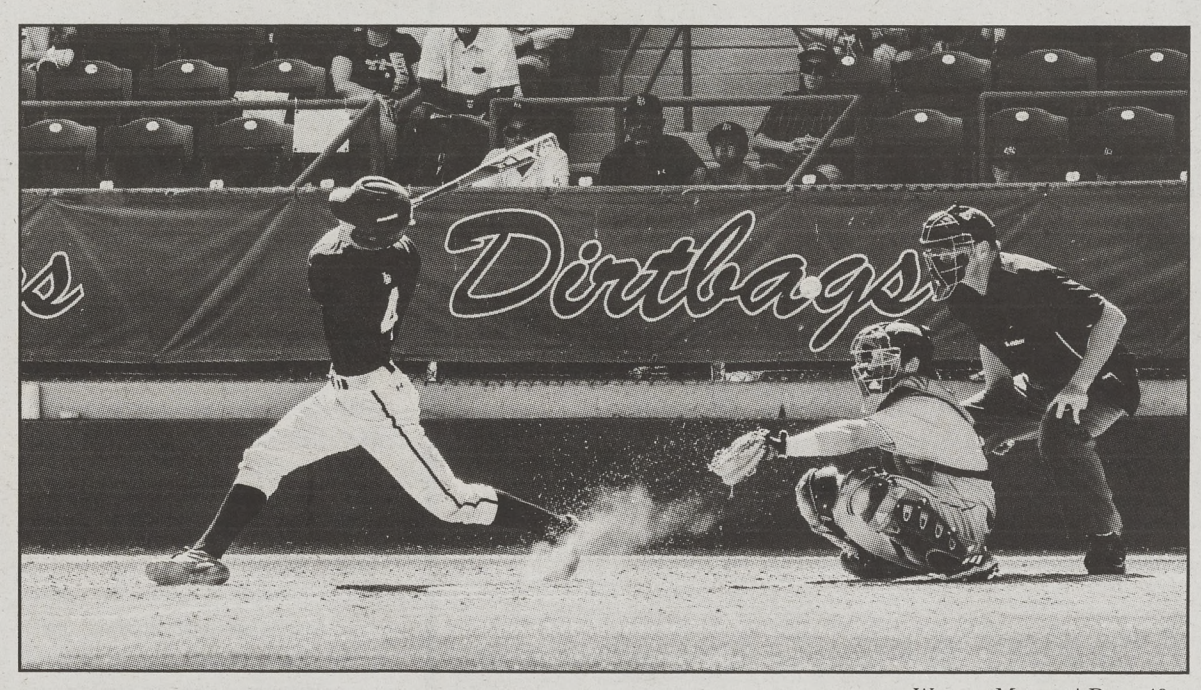
BY MATTHEW SIMON
Staff Writer

The Long Beach State baseball team lost a chance at its first sweep of the season, only notching two hits in the series finale loss to UC Irvine 7-2 on Sunday at Blair Field.

The loss is Dirtbags' second straight series finale loss and the fifth in a sweep opportunity this season. On Sunday, the Dirtbags (21-13, 5-4) got out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning after junior first baseman Daniel Jackson hit a solo homerun to left field, but weren't able to hold on.

"[With] the other team there's a lot of urgency not to get swept," Dirtbags head coach Troy Buckley said. "So the attention to detail becomes a lot from a human nature standpoint. You're a lot more aware. Everybody is paying attention to details and they know exactly what they're doing out there."

Starting pitcher Tanner Brown pitched four shutout innings until the fifth inning when he gave up a single to senior outfielder Wyatt Castro. Brown then gave up a RBI triple to junior catcher Alex Guenette that tied the game at 1.The righthander finished the game with 5.1 innings pitched giving up seven hits and four runs.



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UC Irvine junior Mitchell Holland takes a swing in the Anteaters' 7-2 win over LBSU in the series finale on Sunday at Blair Field.

The Anteaters (20-12, 4-5) took a 2-1 lead when junior shortstop John Brontsema hit an RBI groundout that allowed Guenette to score.

LBSU made a pitching change in the sixth after Brown gave up back-to-back singles to the Anteaters' senior first baseman Mitchell Holland and sophomore second baseman Cole Kreuter. Junior Austin McGeorge wasn't able to close the door on UCI's scoring opportunity as they scored three runs in the sixth on four hits to take a 5-1 lead.

"The bullpen was uncharacteristically not very good for us," Buckley said. "Especially McGeorge. To come up and give up three runs, that doesn't usually happen."

UCI scored a run each in the seventh and ninth inning to close the game. The Dirtbags scored one in the ninth after senior Zack Domingues grounded out that allowed sophomore designated hitter Luke Rasmussen to score to bring the deficit to 7-2.

The loss comes on the heels of the Dirtbags winning on Friday in a comeback, extra-inning 3-2 victory and Saturday in an 8-3 win as the Dirtbags hit two home runs.

In game one the Dirtbags trailed 2-0 in the eighth inning before tying it and eventually winning in the 12th inning after Eric Hutting delivered a walk-off single. On Saturday, LBSU never trailed after taking a 3-0 lead after the third. LBSU cruised to a 7-2 lead in the fourth and never looked back on their way to the 8-3 win.

The Dirtbags know that these close out games are going to be important as they head to the back half of the conference schedule.

"I think today we came out with great energy and great intent," senior catcher Eric Hutting said. "They just played better baseball than we did."

The Dirtbags will play a Tuesday night game at USC and then will kickoff another conference series at UC Riverside on Friday.

"It's huge for us [to sweep teams]," Hutting said. "Conference games are always huge and every game is important. We just have to play better baseball on a consistent basis and be able to close out series when we have the chance to sweep."

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SOFTBALL

BOBBY YAGAKE | DAILY 49ER

Junior right-hander Christina Clermont throws one of her 129 pitches in the 49ers' 1-0 series finale loss against Cal Poly on Sunday at the LBSU Softball Complex.

Mustangs buck 49ers

LBSU goes 13-73 and scores just one run in its series against Cal Poly.

BY JOSH BARAJAS
Sports Editor

The Long Beach State softball team suffered its first series loss this season after dropping a pitcher's duel in the series finale against Cal Poly 1-0 on Sunday at the LBSU Softball Complex.

The 49ers (24-16, 4-5) dropped below .500 in the conference after scoring just one run across three games this weekend. Cal Poly (19-17, 3-6) picked up 1-0 and 4-1 wins on Saturday before Sunday's shutout victory.

LBSU head coach Kim Sowder called the series overall "very disappointing" and said that the shortcomings came mostly on her struggling hitters.

"It is very frustrating that we can't put some runs on the board," Sowder said. "All of our losses have been because we struggled offensively, more than anything. And that's going to happen, so we've got to find a way, defensively or whatever, to hang in there as long as we can."

On Sunday, 49ers junior pitcher Christina Clermont allowed plenty of time for LBSU to take the lead. She allowed just two hits and no runs through five innings before giving up an RBI single to catcher Mckenna Young in the top of the sixth that put the Mustangs on top 1-0. Junior outfielder Courtney Tyler scored from second; only after back-to-back errors by LBSU outfielder Rachel Loera and infielder L.T. Torres put her in scoring position.

After the loss, Sowder highlighted Clermont as one of the very few bright spots in the game and series. The right-hander threw for all seven innings and allowed five hits, three walks and struck out three batters.

"I think Christina [Clermont] is battling in the circle," Sowder said. "She's had a couple tough losses and battled out of tough situations. It's a little bit harder to find [anything positive] right now, but there's some there. We made some good plays and kept the game 0-0, but it was disappointing."

Cal Poly's sophomore pitcher Lindsey Chalmers threw opposite of Clermont and pitched a similar line. Chalmers threw a complete game shutout, allowing five hits, zero walks and throwing four strikeouts.

Sunday's duel between Clermont and Chalmers wasn't the first of the series. On Saturday, both pitchers threw complete games in game one, but it was Chalmers who got the win after Clermont walked Mustangs junior Ashley Tornio with the bases loaded in the fourth inning to give Cal Poly the 1-0 victory.

In game two, senior infielder Breana West went 2-4 with three RBIs in the 4-1 win. Senior Alley Perkins brought in LBSU's only run of the series in the fourth inning.

"Defensively [we tried to] keep the ball down and honestly our plan was not to let [Senior infielder Darian] Tautalafua beat us," Cal Poly head coach Jenny Condon said. "When she came up we weren't going to give her anything … If we were going to get beat it was going to be by someone else."

After hitting four home runs last weekend, Tautalafua went 0-7 and drew two walks for the series. Sowder said the 49ers must use the series sweep as motivation to get back on track. Even though its next two series are on the road, the 10th year head coach said LBSU can recover.

"We've done really well on the road this year," Sowder said. "We're kind of road warriors, so we'll be ready to go next weekend."

LBSU travels to Santa Barbara next to take on the Gauchos in a three-game series starting on Saturday at 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

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TOP PERFORMERS

Goalie
Alexis Butler

7 Saves

Attacker
Carla Abellan

2 Goals

The No. 17 Long Beach State women's water polo team upset No. 7 Hawai'i 8-5 on Saturday at the Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex in Honolulu to remain undefeated in the Big West.

The 49ers improved to 3-0 in the conference and 16-9 overall with the road win against the Rainbow Wahine (18-7, 3-2).

Senior attacker Jessica Brooks led the way for LBSU with two goals as seven different 49ers got on the scoresheet and senior goalie Alexis Butler paved the way with a game-high seven saves.

LBSU remains on the road for another conference matchup. The 49ers face UC Irvine next on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Standings
WOMEN'S WATER POLO

	Big West	OVR
1. Long Beach State	3 - 0	16 - 9
2. UC Santa Barbara	3 - 1	15 - 11
3. Hawaii	3 - 2	18 - 7
4. UC Irvine	2 - 2	17 - 10
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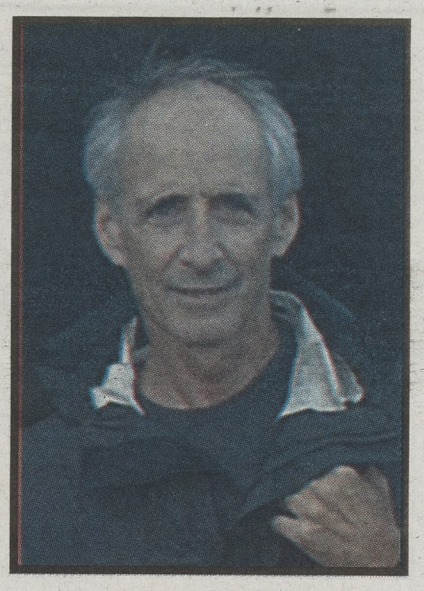

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CSULB students showcase original work at the Beach Film Fest.

By Yasmin Cortez
Social Media Editor

The next great Steven Spielberg, Sofia Coppola or Alejandro Iñárritu could be discovered this Thursday at the second annual Beach Film Festival where Cal State Long Beach students have a chance to showcase their original short films.

The festival will showcase 10 entries on the big screen in the Beach Auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m.

"The Beach Film Fest is different from other film festivals because it is split into two competitions which gives students two different film experiences," said senior Brian Code, Practice and Theory of Cinema major and CSULB Film Club president.

Cameras started rolling on March 11 for the Film in a Week competition, which limited students to record and edit a five-minute short film in 10 days.

If a student had made a film project in the last year, they were eligible to submit their work for the "pre-made competition.

"One of the true purposes of the event is to give students another creative outlet to showcase their talents and get involved in a fun film-based event on campus," said Taylor Buhler-Scott, Interim Program Manager for USU Program Council, "The event is fun for any student who wanted to try their hand at creating a film; you don't have to be an expert."

The short films are judged by a wide array of judges chosen by USU Program Council ranging from faculty, alumni and industry professionals.

Last year a total of 16 awards were distributed for both competitions and the festival plans to bring back the same awards.

The eight awards for each competition are: Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Cinematography, Best Sound, Best Screenplay and Best Editing.

Last year the winners for best picture were "Earworm" by Harry McDonough for the Pre-Made Competition and "Have You Seen My Dog?" by Emmanuel Aguilera for the Film in a Week Competition.

According to Code, the Beach Film Fest replaced Campus Movie Fest in 2015 so that CSULB could brand its own film festival.

The previous Film Club vice president, Victor Guzman, and the previous Film Club president, Fran Portillo, founded the festival along with help from College Beat Television for advertising and ASI Program Council for organizing the event.

"The goal was to create a film festival for students to participate in and showcase [student] work... we hope to see more participation and highlight more work from the CSULB community," said junior Nicole Ilgan, film and electronics major and College Beat Television's chief executive producer.

After the screening, attendees can be sure to stay after for the festival ceremony with a reception and refreshments at the end of the program with opportunities for photos with winners.

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Trust built through transparency

Johnny Romero | Daily 49er

Members of We Are CSULB protest in front of President Jane Coloney's office to express their discontent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement involvement on campus last Tuesday.

CSULB's lack of transparency continues, blocking fair and factual media coverage.

Students and faculty alike have criticized Cal State Long Beach administration and police for a lack of transparency after various controversial incidents this semester. In the last month, the Daily 49er has made numerous records requests that have gone unfulfilled – characteristic of the recent complaints.

A student either "held" or "brandished" a knife in a classroom during a debate about whether racism in the workplace is a problem for black women, which he argued is not.

A sexual assault was reported at a Kappa Sigma party over Valentine's weekend this semester. Following the report, administration initially yielded to the Kappa Sigma nationals' authority in investigating and suspending the chapter. It is still unknown as to how the entire situation was resolved – if it has been.

A man who served time in prison for drug-related charges in 1995 was punished again for the same crime when CSULB Police Officer I. Sanchez pulled José Sandoval over for a busted headlight and subsequently held him in the CSULB substation for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to come and deport him.

Each of these incidents involve conflicting accounts, and the university's failure to be transparent leads to further obfuscation of facts. Transparency is crucial to ensure that the university is acting in the best interest of students and faculty and is able to be held accountable.

The California Public Records Act, signed into law in 1968, was designed to give the public access to information in possession of public agencies and ensure that public officials do not operate in the dark, outside the realm of public supervision and consent.

During the second student forum on March 23, University Police Chief Fernando Solorzano said he was willing to turn over the "uncut audio" of the Feb. 21 arrest that resulted in Sandoval's deportation, so the Daily 49er immediately put in a request to get a copy. There are inconsistencies between what Officer Sanchez wrote up in his police report and what Sandoval and his son say happened that night, which the uncut audio could clear up.

It has now been over three weeks since the Daily 49er's initial request for the audio of the arrest and two weeks since a spokesperson for the university confirmed the University Police would make the audio available. Five subsequent requests to various administrators and university police have yet to be honored.

In the digital age where hours-long audio files take only minutes to copy and send, this is unreasonable.

[Editor's Note: After the publication of this article online, CSULB Associate Vice President of Legislative and External Relations Terri Carbaugh said that she would provide the audio recording.]

The Daily 49er also made multiple requests for information after a reported sexual assault that took place at a Kappa Sigma "Lace and Lust" party Feb. 13-14. Director for Student Life and Development Brett Waterfield became difficult, if not impossible, to reach and failed to provide the risk assessment report, as promised.

In another instance, the CSULB administration and records department have failed to turn over emails exchanged between President Jane Close Conoley and Solorzano, Dean of Students Jeffrey Klaus and Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor regarding the Feb. 25 knife incident — a matter of public record — within the 10 days accorded to them by law.

In the aftermath of the knife incident, the University Police and administration failed to notify the campus of what happened, failed to reveal the source of UP's conflict of interest from the outset and have repeatedly said they would not share any disciplinary information about the student with the knife, incorrectly citing federal law in order to justify their refusal to divulge information.

After 23 days, the records office finally acknowledged receipt of the request and said the university's lawyers are working out which emails they will withhold and which they will turn over.

The Daily 49er has also asked for all records of incidents in which someone was detained by University Police on campus while awaiting an ICE pickup.

With over 600 undocumented students at Cal State Long Beach and several other first generation students with undocumented families, it's important to know whether, when and to what extent ICE officers have a presence on campus.

Article One in the Declaration of Rights in the California Constitution states: "The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny."

The way CSULB administration has been acting blatantly turns away from this statute and keeps vital information as far from the realm of public scrutiny as possible.

We are here to report the facts and inform the community of exactly what has happened, what is happening, what will happen and why.

But, until the administration gives us all the facts entitled to the public by law, there is no way for us to do that. Without these records, all we have on our end are uncorroborated stories, unanswered questions and a series of brick walls preventing us from doing anything to forward fair and honest reporting.

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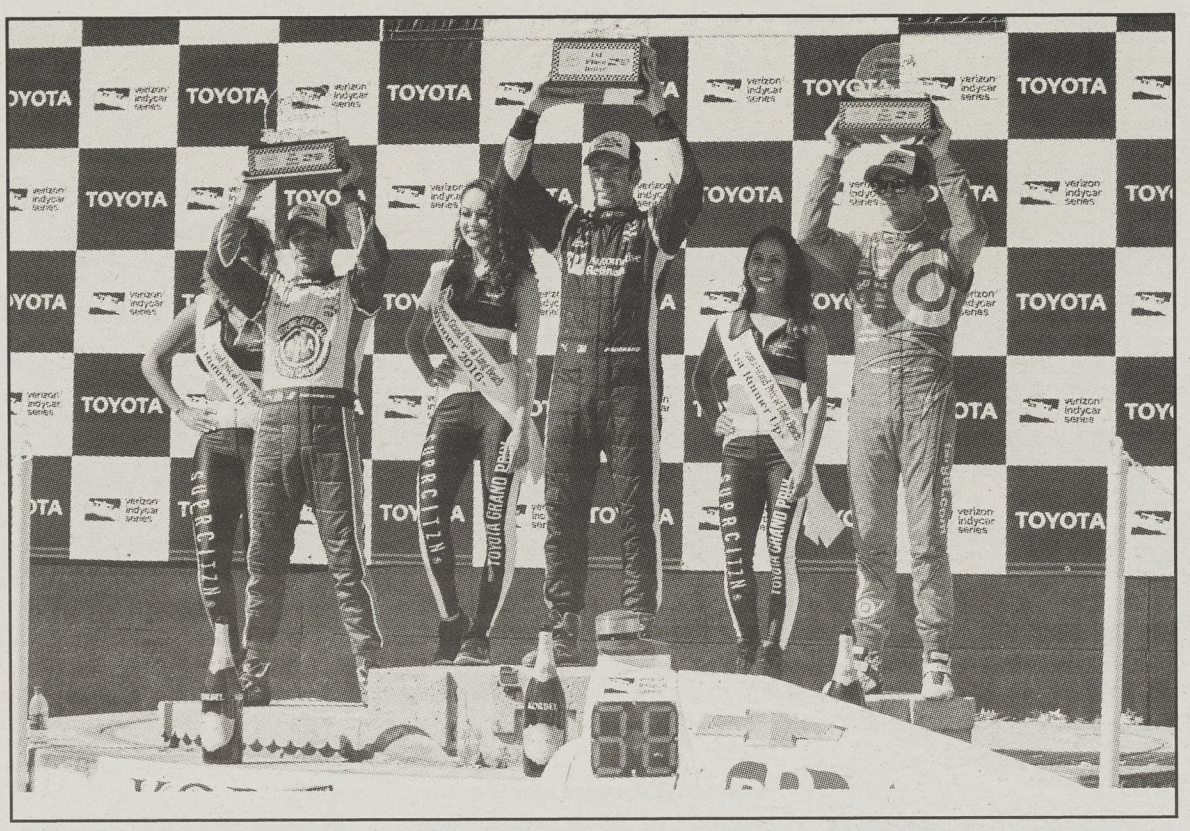
#Winning

Pagenaud wins Grand Prix in controversial fashion

In one of the biggest races in the world, frenchman Simon Pagenaud took the checkered flag from Long Beach for the first time in his career.

By Will Hernandez
Assistant Sports Editor



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First place winner Simon Pagenaud, second place winner Scott Dixon and third place winner Helio Castroneves hold up their trophies at the winner's circle.

It was a picture-perfect, sunny setting for the 42nd annual Toyota Long Beach Grand Prix, overshadowed by a controversial maneuver that saw Simon Pagenaud in car No. 22 be the first to fly by the checkered flag on Sunday afternoon.

The top three drivers battled each other for top position for the majority of the 80 races. Pagenaud was able to pull away from Helio Castroneves and last year's winner, Scott Dixon after lap No. 20 after making a quick exit out of pit road.

"Personally, I think we should have won the race," Dixon said. "I thought the pit sequence had already been finished, and then to hear that the No. 22 was just coming out, we had already backed off and started saving fuel and when we got to turn one it appeared he crossed the line."

When Pagenaud came out of the pit road around lap No. 22, he accelerated past the yellow line and merged back into the race too soon, which according to Dixon, is illegal. It was not considered an illegal move by the race stewards however and Pagenaud was not penalized. This enabled him to keep his lead intact for the remainder of the race.

"This is why it's discussed so often in the offseason, and why there are 40 or 50 warning zones in the rulebook," Dixon said. "I don't even know why we discuss the pit zone exits if we're not going to enforce the rule."

According to the "Lane Usage" rule of the IndyCar Penalty Guideline, "failing to follow designated procedures entering or exiting the pit area, including the proper use of the acceleration and deceleration lanes," can result in a minimal infraction or a maximum penalty, which would have put Pagenaud in the back of the race.

"We discussed several times on Friday about that, and by all means at anytime you cannot put more than two wheels over the line of [pit road] and that was my understanding," Dixon said. "I thought we were done with warnings and all this sort of wish-wash stuff, and stick to hard rules but obviously that was not the case."

Before Pagenaud, the French Team Penske driver, went out in front of the field, Castroneves, the pole position winner, had a hold on first place. That was before Castroneves and Dixon made the pit stop that Pagenaud capitalized on and jumped ahead to the top spot.

"In the last pit sequence, we managed to past Helio and Scott and it put us in a position to win the race," Pagenaud said. "IndyCar is really clear on what you can and cannot do and it certainly was on the verge to be stronger penalty. I did get a warning."

The Long Beach Grand Prix main event was one of the fastest paced races in the history of the event and first caution-free race in Long Beach since 1989 and the most recent in the Verizon IndyCar Series race since Mar. 2013.

Ribeiro takes final Pro/Celebrity Race

Alfonso Ribiero, host of America's Most Funniest Home Videos, won his fourth Pro/Celebrity race out of five attempts.

By Will Hernandez
Assistant Sports Editor

Through 40 years of exciting events for racing fans, the final Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race during the 42nd annual Toyota Long Beach Grand Prix in Long Beach included a hit worker, two crashes, in race-doughnuts and of course, a winner.

The first wreck took place on lap three, when actor Brett Davern made contact at turn No. 8, and bounced off the tire wall leaving his driver's side vulnerable. Then, Davern was T-boned by Bob Carter, Toyota Motor Sales' senior vice president, sending Davern back to the wall.

"I was scared," Davern said. "I thought going into that corner, I was outside and our tires were going to bump into each other. We were spinning out of control and I just saw Rob's eyes."

When a worker came to tow Davern's vehicle, actor Sean Patrick Flanery was tailing professional IndyCar driver, Max Papis and did not notice the yellow caution flag. Davern was coming in hot and on the turn slammed into the rear of Davern's car. Fortunately, the worker noticed Flanery, and was thrown across the hood of Davern's car at the time of impact. Although the worker got clipped, he was walking after the crash, but was taken to St. Mary's Medical Center, according to the Grand Prix Director of Communications Chris Esslinger.

Despite all the hectic events that took place during the race, the final Pro/Celebrity race went out with a familiar face at the podium. Alfonso Ribeiro crossed the checkered flag as the number one driver for the fourth time in five attempts on Saturday afternoon.

"I'm incredibly excited and happy to win this race and finish Long Beach as the overall champion," Ribeiro said. "This race got me involved in racing."

Ribeiro, current host of "America's Funniest Home Videos," but more famous for his role as Carlton on the '90s television show "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," looked more like a professional driver on the track. He was the reigning champion going into Saturday's event and held onto the lead after passing Dara Torres on lap No. 2.

"To be part of this and now have my fourth racing championship is pretty special," Ribeiro said.

Italian professional driver Max Papis was in second place for the last three laps, but missed catching up to Ribeiro by about five seconds. Ribeiro completed the course with a time of 31 minutes and 24 seconds while Papis finished in 31:29.

"[Ribeiro] did such a good job and I tried to catch [him] but I couldn't," Papis said. "The biggest thing was the intensity; it was intense as ever."

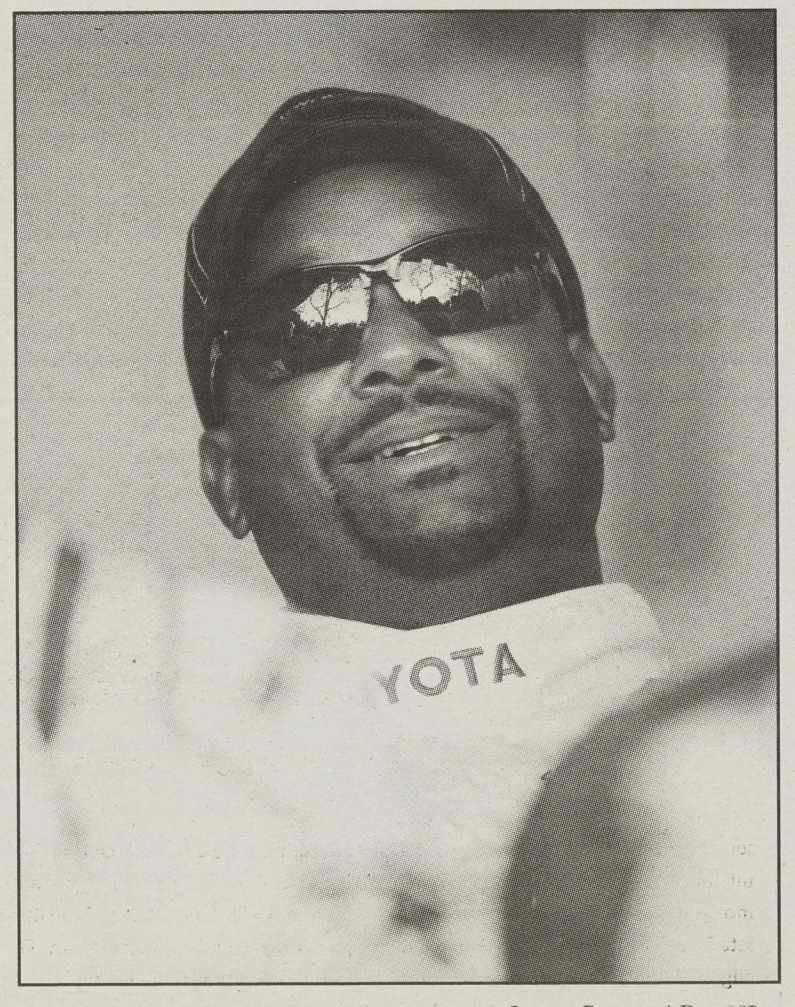
It was a crazy and competitive race that included two crashes in the first three laps.

Other drivers in the 40th celebrity race were comedian Adam Carolla (4th, 31:36), actor Frankie Muniz (7th, 31:37) and actor and former race winner Eddie Lawson, whose day ended early after a first-round crash.

Most of the drivers agreed after the race that the Pro/Celebrity will be missed.

"This is the Indy 500 of celebrity races, it's the only one people know," Flanery said. "It's the reason people move to Southern California to become actors."

Although this was the last celebrity race, the drivers gave the fans something to relish.



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Actor Alfonso Ribeiro continues to dominate the pro/celebrity race with his fourth win at the event.

Honey, I shrunk the Prix

Radio-controlled vehicle racing and demonstrations keep the crowds coming at the Grand Prix.

BY MIRANDA ANDRADE-CEJA
Arts & Life Editor

If there's one thing that keeps me from fully enjoying racing, it's the sheer lack of action from the stands. The fact that you normally can't get a clear view of the track and have to rely on (slightly confusing) video shots of racing cars (only catching a .02 second glimpse of said cars) never really appealed to me.

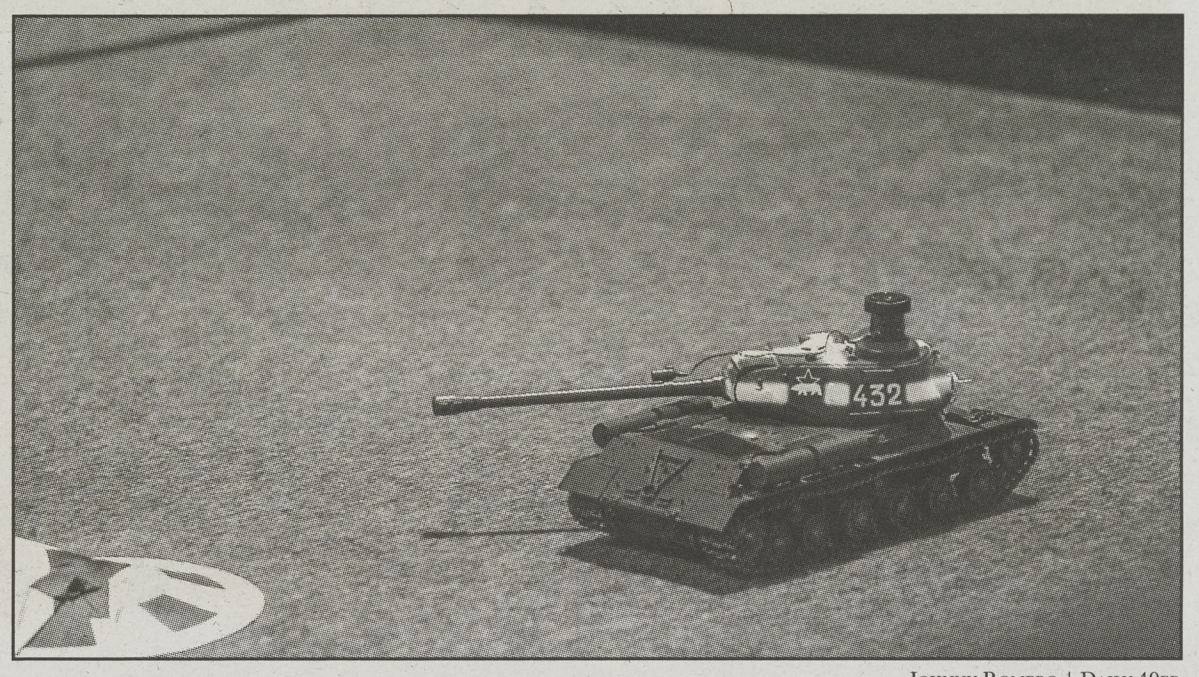
Tiny racing has set a gold standard for race car viewing — it has all of the action, and none of the potentially deadly repercussions that can occur when you're shredding asphalt at 150+ mph.

The Long Beach Grand Prix expo is held at Grand Prix, offering a number of innovative exhibitions for expogoers to experience. This year's expo hosted a number of radio-controlled vehicle tracks in which miniature racecar enthusiasts volunteered their time to engage in a number of drift car, monster truck and tank races and demonstrations. The expo was held in the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment center throughout the Grand Prix weekend.

One of the brands exhibited at the Grand Prix expo was Tamiya, a Japanese company that manufactures plastic model kits, radio-controlled cars and various educational models. The Tamiya track held a number of radio-controlled vehicles including (but not limited to): U-Haul trucks, drift cars and semi-functioning tanks.

Mark Santa Ines, a Long Beach native and volunteer "driver" for Tamiya, demonstrated the various electronic vehicles that Tamiya had to offer by engaging in scheduled races for expogoers to see.

This isn't Santa Ines' first race. He said that he engages in radio-controlled races every weekend.



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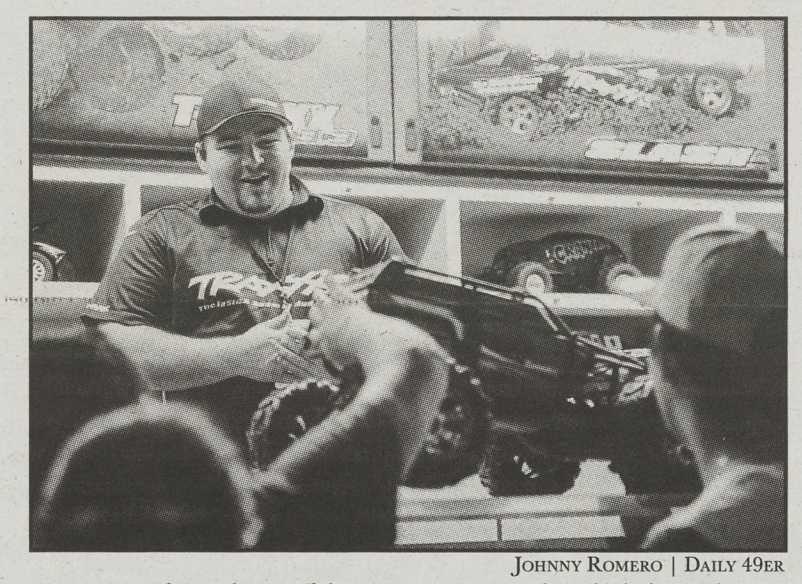
Tank battles happen inside the Grand Prix Expo where they shoot at eachother with lasers but the lights emitted make it look as if a shot was really fired!



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Traxxas employee shows off their toy monster truck to the kids nearby.

"People do [get competitive], but you all get to know each other just by racing against each other so often, and you become friends," Santa Ines said. "So, I mean, it's not competitive to where it's directly against one another. But it's all in the spirit of sportsmanship."

A pair of functioning military tanks dominated the Tamiya track for a short demonstration. The 1/25 RCT Panther is a tank capable of "firing" ammunition at any other Tamiya brand military tank, and when fired at, the Panther will actually take damage by slowly shutting down.

Santa Ines said that Tamiya offers not only a range of durable radio-controlled cars, but DIY-esque starter cars for children such as the mini four-wheel drive. The exhibit showcased these zippy cars on a narrow, winding track directly across from the main mini-racing track, and children gathered around the automatic cars to watch them speed by.

"It's like a slot car, but without the controller," Santa Ines said. They're a lot of fun because you have to put them together yourself, so you have to understand the wheels, the motors, the gears. So it's like a stepping stone."

Walking deeper into the expo, one might have seen mini monster trucks flailing and sailing through the air from the Traxxas exhibit.

Based in Texas, Traxxas is a radio control model manufacturer that boasts the RC title "fastest name in radio control," according to marketing representative Taylor Snyder.

Snyder said that though Traxxas was founded in 1986, years later the brand went into a brief hiatus, returning with an innovation that Henry Ford would have been proud of: ready-made RC vehicles.

"Back then, radio control cars were very much a kit. So you would start with a bunch of parts, and you would build them from the ground up. So you would go piece by piece by piece, and sometimes you'd forget pieces or it would get a little weird," Snyder said. "So Traxxas, when we came back out, came out with the first 'ready-to-run' vehicle."

Traxxas held demonstrations at the expo throughout the morning and early afternoon, attracting clusters of both children and adults.

"We're on top with our competitors. What sets us apart is that we have something for everyone. We have buggies, we have monster trucks, we have drift cars … so there's something for everyone in the family and for any terrain," Snyder said. "RC is very much a niche hobby, but Traxxas makes it available for everyone."

The RC exhibits at the Grand Prix offer any and all racing fans a way to bring the the sport into their backyards.

The Grand Prix: unloaded and off the track

What you missed in between the races at the Long Beach Grand Prix.

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Above the parking lot inside the grand prix, a race track was placed for attendees to participate in a go-cart battle.

The annual Long Beach Grand Prix didn't only transform downtown Long Beach into a racing hotspot for the weekend, but also invited a number of interesting attractions, exhibits and opportunities to those in attendance. From the $11 beers to the parking-lot-turned-go-kart-track, the many attractions and sights at the Grand Prix left something for visitors to do in between races.

Grand Prix Expo

Located inside the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, the Grand Prix expo introduced a number of new and innovative automotive technologies to thousands of attendees. Guests could register and engage in virtual reality simulation racing games or sit down for a half hour to get a new set of acrylic nails. Along with these fun exhibits, guests could learn how to replace their own tires, read up on green energy innovations with Long Beach Transit or just browse and view the many Formula 1 cars displayed throughout the center.

Greasy food, like you wouldn't believe

Many of the food vendors at the Grand Prix were familiar to me based off of county fair experiences. Gluttonous, artery-clogging hocks of meat kabobs grilled over an open flame; decadent fried desserts that dentists cringe at. Unhealthy food is, arguably, one of the key component to any large outside event.

Aside from the vendors, a variety of businesses such as California Pizza Kitchen and King Taco sold their (very pricey) foods to attendees, the latter having two locations throughout the Grand Prix.

The purpose of the second King Taco was a no brainer. Food foot traffic was so intense, purchasing food at the food-truck-taco-stand took yours truly a grand total of a half hour.

Go-Kart racing

It's not exactly Formula 1 racing, but it's probably closer than any of us will ever get. Located on the top floor of the parking lot across from the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, the Grand Prix Go-Kart racing offered guests the ability to live out their drift car dreams. Sort of.

The best part? The lung-polluting fumes that usually emit don't accompany these go-karts — all cars on the track are electric.

$11 beers

Pricey beer at the Grand Prix is a no brainer. If Disneyland can get away with selling $10+ alcoholic beverages, one shouldn't be surprised at the expensive brews.

That isn't to say that the beer itself wasn't surprising.

The Grand Prix sold massive cans of Tecate beer for $11 at various locations throughout the event, which must have served as a pleasant surprise to those who expected a can that was much lighter. And shorter.

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Instead of racing straight, drifters are required to drift each turn to get the most points and have to even complete the hair pin drift or lose points.

Speed racer

The 2016 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach attracted thousands of people from both in and out of the Long Beach community. Offering fatty foods, interesting expos, and (of course) hundreds of cars that would satisfy any racing enthusiast. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro won the last ever Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race and Conrad Grunewald took the Super Drift Challenge on Saturday. Frenchman Simon Pagenaud took home the biggest prize of the weekend, winning the top spot at the Grand Prix on Sunday.

Left, Drifters face off in a battle where they take turns in leading the drift to get the number one spot in the competition. Bottom left, Indy Cars race do a countless number of laps, and reaching the finishing line is a step closer to the end of the race. Bottom right, Outside in the hot sun, employees cooked chicken, sausage, beef, and provided cold drinks for everyone to enjoy.

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